

**Evaluating Electronic Sources**

**Directions:** For each project, make the choice specified. Circle the answer that *best* fits the choice. When prompted, give reasons for your choice.

1. **Project:** a paper about the immigrants who passed through Ellis Island during the early 20th century. **Choice:** Choose the most relevant and trustworthy source of historical information.

- a. mygrandadsstory.net
- b. visitnyc.com
- c. ellislandimmigrants.org

2. Give your reasons for the choice you made in Question 1.

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3. **Project:** Multimedia slideshow on the creation of the four presidents' images on Mount Rushmore. **Choice:** A Web site found by a search engine has the following address and description: "[www.fourgranitedudes.com](http://www.fourgranitedudes.com): Mt. Rushmore fun facts + posters." Without going to the site, decide which evaluation is *most* appropriate.

- a. The source may not discuss the actual creation of the images; also it is for a commercial organization selling items.
- b. The source probably focuses mostly on how to travel to Mt. Rushmore and find hotels and restaurants there.
- c. The source seems relevant, because it focuses on Mt. Rushmore and refers to the four presidents carved on it.

4. **Project:** You are researching developments regarding the most recent dinosaur discoveries. **Choice:** Which source is *most* promising for your research?

- a. an undated article about the brontosaurus from a scientific magazine
- b. a news article, dated 2005, about a university research group that is examining dinosaur fossils
- c. a Web site for an unknown organization that makes dinosaur study kits for children

5. Give your reasons for the choice you made in Question 4.

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